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SUBJECT: RADIO VATICAN COMMENTS ON SUSPENSION OF PORTUGUESE  
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

IN A MARCH 19 NEWS BROADCAST,RADIO VATICAN REACTED WITH UN-  
CHARACTERISTIC SHARPNESS TO GOP COUNCIL REVOLUTION  
DECISION TO SUSPEND PORTUGUESE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM  
PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS. OPERATIVE PORTION OF  
BROADCAST FOLLOWS: QUOTE AS THE MEDIA HAVE RIGHTLY POINTED  
OUT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW ONE CAN RECONCILE THE  
PRINCIPLE OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME  
AFTER SO MANY YEARS WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS  
TO DESIGNATE A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, WITH THE BAN OF DETERMINED  
MOVEMENTS OR POLITICAL GROUPS PRESENTING THEMSELVES AT THE  
SAME ELECTIONS, DEPRIVING THERBY THE PEOPLE OF THE RIGHT TO  
FREELY EXPRESS THEIR OWN PREFERENCES. END QUOTE. VOLPE

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